

**December, 2000**  
**PSC, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**State Capitol**

The ESPB board meeting was called to order by Doug Johnson. Board members who attended were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. ESPB associates who were present were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors at the meeting were Roman Weiler, representative from the private schools, Linda Edwards and Faye Reimers from NDEA, Virginia Allery from Turtle Mountain Community College at Belcourt and Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office.

Board member Laura Carney was not present. Doug Johnson left the meeting at 9:30 and returned after lunch.

A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the November minutes as written. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz.

Janet presented the October and November financial statements. Don made a motion to approve the October financial statement. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. She indicated that there would be an amended financial report for November. Janet informed the group that reprogramming has been done for the incomplete letters. The job was contracted with Computer Consulting Services, with an estimate cost of less than \$1,000.

Doug distributed the director's evaluation summary. Janet thanked the board for the positive evaluation results.

Work continues regarding the special education, business education and ag education standards. Deb has met with the faculty from the various instate institutions with special education programs to discuss overall state needs. She has also been working with Gary Gronberg and Jeanette Kolberg from DPI and Cindy Wilcox director of ND State Improvement Grant dealing with these various standards. The board agreed to place an article regarding the Teacher Induction Survey results in the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Deb reported on the ASCD Learning-Focused Mentoring institute and will be continuing to work with those who attended to promote mentoring.

Deb informed the board that she was asked to take the Risk Management portfolio. Risk Management will offer an additional monetary discount if a Loss Control Committee is established by the agency, documentation is provided and office associates are kept informed risk management issues. In order to receive the additional discount, when inservices are held, this documentation will need to be included in the minutes.

A lengthy discussion was held on PPST. A motion was made by Amy to approve the PPST for initial licensure, effective July 1, 2002. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. This will be an agenda item for long-range planning. Board members voting were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz.

Discussion was held on the two-year license issue, a motion was made by Don that the board would ask for an Attorney General's opinion on this issue. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz.

## **CASES**

### **Darin Garland**

A motion was made by Don to deny the license request. Second by Maryjane. The board's decision was on Mr. Garland providing false information on the application, the number of criminal offenses and the short amount of time that the offenses had occurred. Mr. Garland may not reapply until after the 2001 school year. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Garland had been issued a 40-day provisional license. He had taught at Circle of Nations School in Wahpeton during the 1999-2000 school year.

### **Jon Jochimsen**

A motion was made by Don to issue an emergency license. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. Mr. Jochimsen has been teaching on a 40-day provisional, emergency license. He is teaching music at the Rolette Public School system. Mr. Jochimsen's license application was brought before the board due to his background check.

### **Shirley Little**

A motion was made by Don to issue an interim reciprocal, two-year license. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. Ms. Little's license request was brought before the board due to her background check.

**Marney Shirley**

A motion was made by Jack to dismiss the case. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. Ms. Shirley's case was before the board due to the educator's code of ethics. The board felt issue had been handled at the local level. Ms. Shirley is an educator with the Jamestown Public School system.

**Mark Sondag**

Since Mr. Sondag had not yet completed his probation, Jack made the motion to deny Mr. Sondag's request for a licensure renewal. Mr. Sondag is not to reapply until after August 15, 2001. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. During the time while Mr. Sondag's license was revoked, he was still employed with the Selfridge School system.

**CASE ADDITIONS**

**Brian Sennett**

Mr. Sennett is teaching in the state of New York. In 1996, the board intended to revoke his ND license due to sexual misconduct. During this time, Mr. Sennett was teaching at the Kenmare Public Schools. Bill will research the case and inform the board of their options at the January meeting.

**Audrey Dahner's**

Bill Peterson will contact Ms. Dahner's. Ms. Dahners had not responded to the board's request. Therefore, the case will be placed on the January board agenda. If Ms. Dahner's does not respond by the January board meeting, the board will take discipline actions.

**Ann Hames**

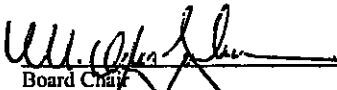
A motion was made by Jack to dismiss this case. Second by Don. Motion carried. Board member voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. Ms. Hames' file was brought before the board due to a request for inquiry. Ms. Hames is a high school educator with Bismarck Public Schools.

**Alan Worrel update**

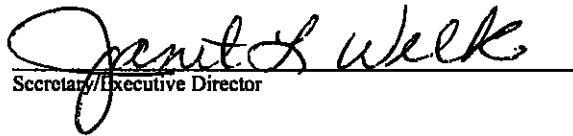
Bill reported that Mr. Worrel had been charged with 2 criminal charges, one of those charges has been dropped. We are waiting for the outcome of the second trial.

After the cases, the board members drafted and signed a joint resignation letter that was addressed to Governor-elect, John Hoeven. The board took the opportunity to review their calendars during the legislative session. The board has decided to have a two-day meeting in February (8 & 9).

The meeting adjourned at 2:30. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> at the PSC Board room.

  
Board Chair

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Secretary/Executive Director